



## Eric Paul Williams

March 8, 1972 - March 19, 2023

Eric Paul Williams passed away on Sunday, March 19, 2023, after courageously battling a devastating illness.

Eric was born to Midgie Williams Hansen and Jerry Williams, in Vallejo, CA, where he lived his entire life. He attended local schools, played many seasons of Little League baseball and PAL youth soccer. He was also on the varsity Golf team at Hogan High School, where he graduated in 1990.

Eric was known to his many friends and family as “E”, “Big E”, or “Ebola”. He will always be remembered for his friendliness and good heart, his great sense of humor, competitive spirit, sharp wit, his often colorful language, and his great love of talking “smack” with his friends. He loved to laugh and was always telling or emailing a joke. He was a huge sports fan, rooting for the Oakland Raiders (before they moved), San Francisco Giants, Golden State Warriors, any

NASCAR driver in a Chevy, and especially loved his annual 3-day trips to the NHRA Drag races in Sonoma every summer. He also followed WWF Wrestling, pro Golf, boxing, MMA, college football, and college basketball. He took great pleasure in playing the annual football pools, and loved to place one dollar bets with his closest friends, on March Madness, college bowl games, and NASCAR races. He loved his backyard vegetable garden, growing his prized tomatoes, feeding the birds and squirrels, and listening to reggae, rock, and country music.

An accomplished 4 handicap golfer, Eric was first introduced to golf at the age of nine, by his maternal grandfather, Jerry Odell. He loved the game. Eric felt that golf helped build character, confidence, and integrity, and was always grateful for those lessons. He encouraged everyone he cared about, especially kids, to take up the game, for those reasons, too. He honed his skills as a longtime member of Blue Rock Springs Golf Club, and played every chance he got. A fierce competitor, he participated in many golf tournaments over the years. He won the Vallejo City Tournament in the early 2000's, and was proud of the four Hole-in-ones he shot at Blue Rock.

A hard worker, Eric had multiple jobs in his younger days. From stacking and loading firewood

at a friend's woodlot at age 13, to making pizzas at Round Table, to parking Toyotas at the docks in Benicia, to detailing cars at Vallejo Nissan. He worked several years as a crane operator for Pacific Rail Services at Union Pacific Railroad in Richmond, CA, then later at the Port of Oakland, CA. Most recently, Eric worked over 20 years as a Quarry Rock Truck Driver, Foreman, and Trainer at Syar Industries (now Vulcan) in Vallejo, where he was a member of Teamsters Local 315, serving several years as the Shop Steward.

He loved people. He would often approach complete strangers, ask how they were doing, introduce himself, crack some jokes, and before you knew it, Eric had made another friend. He will be incredibly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Eric was preceded in death by his father, Jerry Williams in 2020, maternal grandparents Leda (Byron) Gates, and Jerry (Joan) Odell, aunts Lonnie Smith and Nanette Roberts,, paternal grandparents Marge and Fred Williams, uncles Doug Williams and James Williams, and aunt Anne Petersen. He is survived by his girlfriend and partner of twenty three years, Diana Pangelina Mamere, Her sons, Jonathan Fryman, Nick Mamere (Alicia), and Nathan Mamere, his mother Midgie Williams Hansen, stepfather Mark Darrel Hansen, sister Deanna Williams, nephews Anthony Smernes and Vincent Ponce, and multiple aunts, uncles, and cousins.

A Celebration of Eric's life will be held at 1 PM on Friday, April 14th at Twin Chapels Mortuary, 1100 Tennessee St., Vallejo.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

APR **14**. 1:00 PM (PT)

Twin Chapels Mortuary  
1100 Tennessee Street  
Vallejo, CA 94590  
(707) 552-6696  
[twinchapels@aol.com](mailto:twinchapels@aol.com)

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Trent Freitas lit a candle in memory of Eric Paul Williams*



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**Trent Freitas** - April 15, 2023 at 09:43 PM

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“ *I went to Springstown with Eric I had him in a few of my classes, he always smiled every time a fight would break out in class between to students he always got a kick out it he would think it was funny lol I dated Eric's cousin back then so if I ever needed him to talk to his cousin for me he would.....Eric was a good friend I haven't seen him in years but I was sad to hear of his passing my heart goes out to his family and friends.....R.I.P my friend.....Kymberly Cornish McCabe*

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**Kymberly Cornish McCabe** - April 02, 2023 at 07:47 AM

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“ We are all so very very sorry of the loss of Eric! This obituary shows what a great young man he was to many that he knew!! We really thought after he had gotten out of the Vacaville hospital that he was going to do better and heal. Ron took him over some soup and he said that he looked like he was feeling a little better! We are sending prayers and hugs to you all during this difficult time because he will be missed by many! Cherish all those great memories of laughter and fun and we will all be together again someday!  
With love always, Ron, Deme Stall Nash and family :( :( :(



Deme Stall Nash - March 30, 2023 at 09:21 PM

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Eric and i shared the love of golf and played golf together often. Eric was adventurous. One day he was eating some chicken on the golf course and we saw an eagle flying over. Eric said watch me throw this piece of chicken to the eagle. I told him he was wasting a piece of chicken  
But he was right. The eagle flew down and ate that whole piece of chicken in a flash. Eric always had something funny to say. We would have long talks on the phone and he would make me and his aunt Ava laugh alot. We'll miss him forever and he will be missed greatly.

Michael Williams - April 03, 2023 at 03:10 PM